

# US Avalanche Danger Scale (1997)

<b>Danger Level and Color</b>	<b>Avalanche Probability and Avalanche Trigger</b>	<b>Degree and Distribution of Avalanche Danger</b>	<b>Recommended Actions in the Backcountry</b>
What...	Why...	Where...	What to do...
<b>LOW</b> (Green)	Natural avalanches very unlikely. Human triggered avalanches unlikely.	Generally stable snow. Isolated areas of instability.	Travel is generally safe. Normal caution is advised.
<b>MODERATE</b> (Yellow)	Natural avalanches unlikely. Human triggered avalanches possible.	Unstable slabs possible on steep terrain.	Use caution in steeper terrain on certain aspects.
<b>CONSIDERABLE</b> (Orange)	Natural avalanches possible. Human triggered avalanches probable.	Unstable slabs probable on steep terrain.	Be increasingly cautious on steeper terrain.
<b>HIGH</b> (Red)	Natural and human triggered avalanches likely.	Unstable slabs likely on a variety of aspects and slope angles.	Travel in avalanche terrain is not recommended. Safest travel on windward ridges of lower angle slopes without steep terrain above.
<b>EXTREME</b> (Red with Black Border)	Widespread natural and human triggered avalanches certain.	Extremely unstable slabs certain on most aspects and slope angles. Large destructive avalanches possible.	Travel in avalanche terrain should be avoided and travel confined to low-angle terrain well away from avalanche path run-outs.